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## TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my twentieth Annual Report on the Health of the Urban District of Ormskirk.

The Health of the district remained satisfactory during the year. 213 cases of infectious disease were notified, 197 of these were cases of measles in the early months. There were no cases of poliomyelitis or diphtheria. The birth rate again increased at 22.0 per 1,000 population, compared with 19.9 in 1964. The infantile mortality rate however, increased slightly to 12.0 per 1,000 live births, compared with 10.4 the previous year. In numbers this meant 6 infant deaths compared with 5 in 1964.

The death rate was 12.8 compared with the very low rate of 10.3 in the previous year. There were no maternal deaths.

Housing conditions continued to improve. 222 houses were completed during the year of which 34 were built by Local Authorities. Whilst 28 houses were dealt with under the Housing Act as unfit for human habitation and a further 119 houses were found to be unfit, but capable of being rendered fit.

The staff of the Public Health Department have maintained their high standard of work during the year. They made 5,795 visits of inspection during the year, of these 249 were made to dwelling houses for the purposes of improvement. They were able to make considerable progress in administering the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963. The number of such establishments in Ormskirk is 272 employing some 1,312 persons and during the year 337 visits were made by Inspectors to registered premises.

Finally I would thank the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their interest and support during the year and the members of the staff for their ready help and co-operation at all times.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. G. HAILWOOD,  
*Medical Officer of Health.*

July, 1966]

# Annual Report for 1965

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## SECTION 1.

### STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

*Area.* 15,608 acres.

*Population.*—The population according to the 1961 Census was 21,828, but the Registrar General estimates that at the middle of 1965 the population was 24,850, on which figure statistics in this Report are based.

*Number of Inhabited Houses.* At the end of 1965 the number of inhabited houses, according to the Rate Books was 7,984.

The Rateable Value at the end of the year was £901,553. and the sum represented by a penny rate was £3,623.

### SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The Urban District of Ormskirk occupies 15,608 acres of the West Lancashire plain. The ancient town of Ormskirk is situated on the highest ground in the area, and the village of Newburgh is pleasantly sited on a small hill. Burscough is a small town three miles north of Ormskirk.

Three-quarters of the district is rural in character. The chief interest of the population is agriculture or allied employment; indeed, Ormskirk is locally known as the capital of this large agricultural area, and the ruling prices at the weekly market are quoted all over the country.

Apart from agriculture, the chief industries include a brass foundry, an ironfoundry, 3 timberyards, a printing and bookbinding works, a flour mill, three brickworks, sheet metal works and factories for the manufacture of cakes and biscuits, wooden handles, women's clothing, fertiliser, automobile oils, cloth trade accessories and corrugated board and containers.

Rail and Road transport services are good.



# VITAL STATISTICS.

				1965	1964
Home population—(Estimated by Registrar- General—mid year)				24,850	24,350
Live Births—Legitimate	M. 258	F. 225	} Total	502	480
Illegitimate	13	6			
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births.				3.78	3.75
Birth Rate per 1000 population					
			Crude	20.2	19.7
			Adjusted	22.0	19.9
Stillbirths	M. 8	F. 5	} Total	13	3
Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births				25.24	6.2
Total Live and Still births				515	483
Deaths.					
	Males 168		} Total	299	252
	Females 131				
Death Rate per 1000 population					
			Crude	12.0	10.3
			Adjusted	12.8	10.3
Maternal Mortality					
Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion				Nil.	Nil.
Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births				Nil.	Nil.
Infant Mortality (Infants under 1 year).					
Deaths—Legitimate				6	5
„ —Illegitimate				—	—
Total				6	5
Rate per 1000 Live Births—Total				11.95	10.4
Rate per 1000 Live Births—Legitimate				11.95	10.4
Rate per 1000 Live Births—Illegitimate				—	—
Neo-Natal Mortality					
Infants under four weeks of age—death rate per 1000 live births				11.95	8.3

Year	Live Births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality			
									Total		Neo-natal	
	No. regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 pop n.*	No. regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 pop n.*	No. regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of deaths regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 live births
1965	502	22.0	299	12.8	13	25.2	nil	nil	6	11.9	6	11.9
1964	480	19.9	252	10.3	3	6.2	nil	nil	5	10.4	4	8.3
1963	461	19.6	280	11.8	4	8.6	1	2.15	7	15.2	6	13.0
1962	382	16.7	267	12.2	6	15.5	nil	nil	9	23.6	6	15.7
1961	324	15.0	331	14.9	4	12.2	1	3.05	14	43.2	9	27.8
1960	360	17.0	293	13.0	7	19.1	nil	nil	11	30.6	7	19.4
Avg. 5 years—1960-1964		17.6	—	12.4	—	12.3	—	1.04	—	24.6	—	15.0

\* Adjusted (live birth-rate) (comparability factor, 1.09) — 22.0 per 1,000.  
(death-rate) (comparability factor, 1.06) — 12.8 per 1,000.

The Birth rate for England and Wales was 18.1, for Ormskirk 22.0.

The Death rate for England and Wales was 11.5, for Ormskirk 12.8.

The Infantile Mortality rate for England and Wales was 19.0, for Ormskirk 12.0.

The Maternal mortality rate for England and Wales was 0.25, for Ormskirk nil









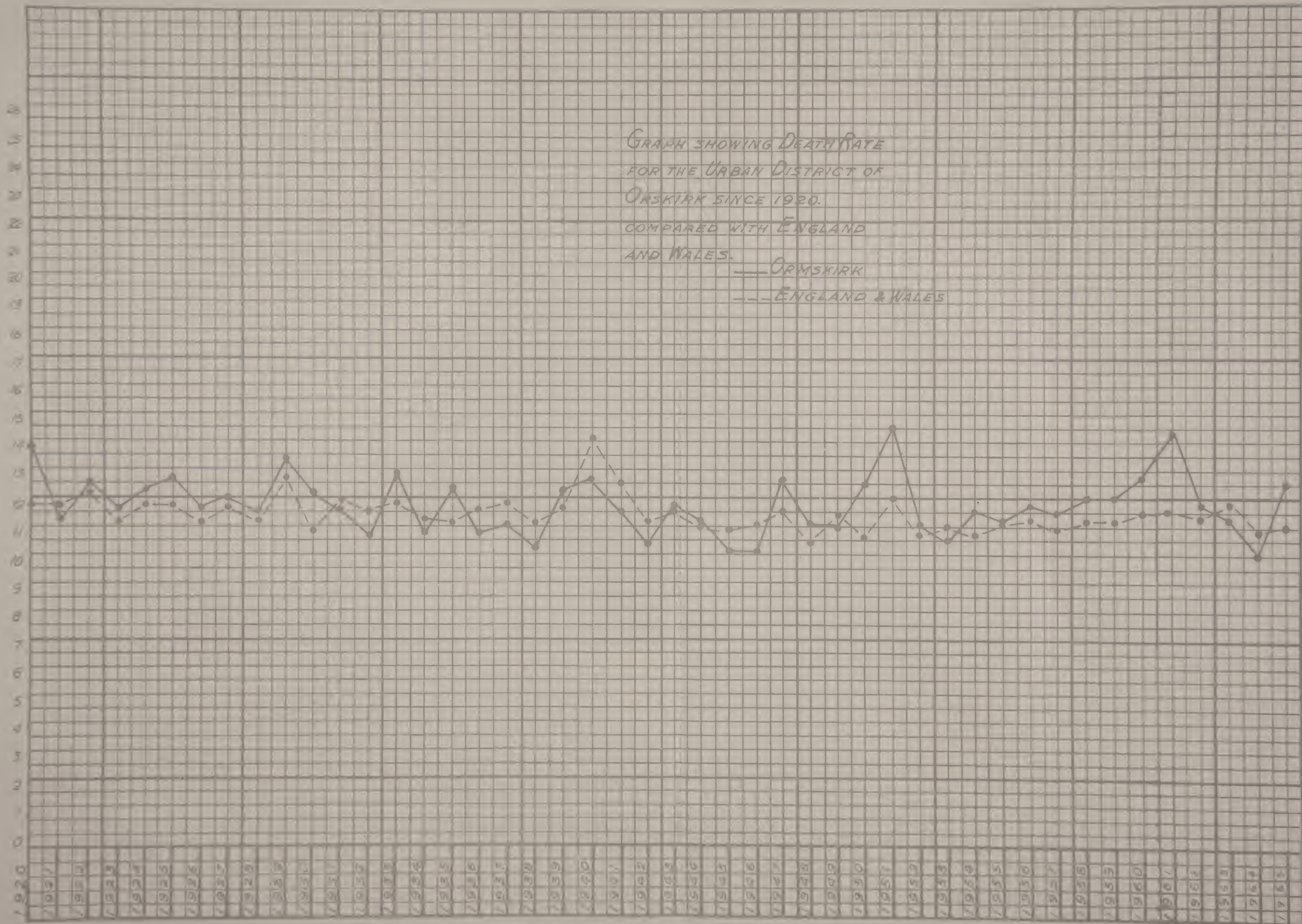


GRAPH SHOWING DEATH RATE  
FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF  
ORMSKIRK SINCE 1920.

COMPARED WITH ENGLAND  
AND WALES.

— ORMSKIRK

--- ENGLAND & WALES

















CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE ORMSKIRK  
URBAN DISTRICT

	1965		Total	1964		1963
	M.	F.		Total	Total	
Tuberculosis (Respiratory) .....	1	—	1	1	—	
Tuberculosis (Other) .....	—	—	—	—	—	
Syphilitic Disease .....	1	—	1	1	—	
Diphtheria .....	—	—	—	—	—	
Whooping Cough .....	—	—	—	—	—	
Meningococcal Infections .....	—	—	—	—	—	
Acute Poliomyelitis .....	—	—	—	—	—	
Measles .....	—	—	—	—	1	
Other infective and parasitic diseases .....	—	—	—	—	—	
Malignant Neoplasm—stomach .....	5	1	6	4	9	
Malignant Neoplasm—lung, Bronchus .....	3	—	3	10	8	
Malignant Neoplasm—breast .....	—	5	5	4	4	
Malignant Neoplasm—uterus .....	—	1	1	2	3	
Other Malignant and lymphatic neoplasms .....	18	7	25	21	20	
Leukæmia, aleukæmia .....	1	1	2	3	1	
Diabetes .....	—	2	2	2	1	
Vascular lesions of nervous system .....	15	34	49	56	37	
Coronary disease, angina .....	44	17	61	50	60	
Hypertension with heart disease .....	2	4	6	2	6	
Other heart disease .....	13	14	27	19	24	
Other circulatory disease .....	11	6	17	8	13	
Influenza .....	—	—	—	1	1	
Pneumonia .....	11	5	16	20	16	
Bronchitis .....	5	1	6	8	15	
Other diseases of respiratory system .....	1	2	3	5	1	
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum .....	3	—	3	—	2	
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea .....	—	1	1	—	1	
Nephritis and nephrosis .....	1	2	3	—	1	
Hyperplasia of prostate .....	3	—	3	1	2	
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion .....	—	—	—	—	1	
Congenital malformations .....	1	—	1	4	2	
Other defined and ill-defined diseases .....	16	21	37	16	37	
Motor vehicle accidents .....	3	1	4	7	3	
All other accidents .....	9	6	15	6	11	
Suicide .....	1	—	1	1	—	
Homicide and operations of war .....	—	—	—	—	—	
All causes .....	168	131	299	252	280	

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1965 IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF ORMSKIRK

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 wks	4 wks and under 1 yr.	AGE IN YEARS							65—	75 & over
					1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—		
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Malignant Neoplasms, Lung, Bronchus	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasms, Breast	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	18	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	6	8
	F	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	3
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diabetes	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	8
	F	34	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	8	22
Coronary Disease, Angina	M	44	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	14	8	13
	F	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	11
Hypertension with Heart Disease	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	2
Other Heart Disease	M	13	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	2	—	8
	F	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	8
Other Circulatory Disease	M	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	6
	F	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3

**Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life During 1965 in The Urban District of Ormskirk—Continued**

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 wks	4 wks and under 1 yr	Age in Years								65—	75 & over
					1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—			
Pneumonia	M	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	6
	F	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	3
Bronchitis	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Hyperplasia of Prostrate	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Congenital Malformations	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
	M	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	M	16	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	5
	F	21	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	2	6	9
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Other Accidents	M	9	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	—	4
	F	6	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4
Suicide	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	168	5	—	4	1	1	2	6	13	34	33	69	
	F	131	1	—	1	2	1	1	8	3	13	31	70	

TABLE SHOWING BIRTH RATES, DEATH RATES AND INFANTILE MORTALITY  
RATES FOR ORMSKIRK URBAN DISTRICT

Year	Estimated Population	Birth Rate		Death Rate		Infantile Mort. Rate	
		England & Wales	Ormskirk	England & Wales	Ormskirk	England & Wales	Ormskirk
1932	17,240	15.3	14.5	12.0	11.1	65	67
1933	17,410	14.4	12.5	12.3	13.4	64	82
1934	17,670	14.8	12.1	11.8	11.3	59	74
1935	17,860	14.7	13.8	11.7	12.7	57	64
1936	18,090	14.8	13.6	12.1	11.2	59	40
1937	18,300	14.9	12.6	12.4	11.5	58	68
1938	18,400	15.1	15.2	11.6	10.7	53	24
1939	18,930	15.0	15.5	12.1	12.8	50	58
1940	19,660	14.6	13.3	14.3	13.1	55	45
1941	20,490	12.2	14.3	12.9	12.0	59	68
1942	20,200	15.8	16.6	11.6	10.8	49	41
1943	19,250	16.5	16.9	12.1	12.2	49	64
1944	18,500	17.6	18.5	11.6	11.7	46	75
1945	19,320	16.1	14.0	11.4	10.8	46	18
1946	20,360	19.1	17.4	11.5	10.6	43	39
1947	20,990	20.5	17.8	12.0	13.4	41	64
1948	20,030	17.9	17.2	10.8	11.6	34	55
1949	20,100	16.7	14.8	11.7	11.5	32	47
1950	20,110	15.8	14.5	11.6	13.1	29.8	27
1951	20,920	15.5	15.0	12.5	15.2	29.6	57
1952	21,180	15.3	12.7	11.3	11.5	27.6	41
1953	21,230	15.5	13.8	11.4	10.9	26.8	34
1954	21,340	15.2	11.8	11.3	12.1	25.5	29
1955	21,280	15.0	11.9	11.7	11.8	24.9	12
1956	21,350	15.7	13.8	11.7	12.2	23.8	25
1957	21,420	16.1	15.5	11.5	11.9	23.0	12
1958	21,450	16.4	13.3	11.7	12.5	22.5	17.5
1959	21,450	16.5	13.5	11.6	12.7	22	27.5
1960	21,850	17.1	17.0	11.5	13.0	21.7	30.6
1961	22,180	17.4	15.0	12.0	14.9	21.4	43.2
1962	22,880	18.0	16.7	11.9	12.2	21.4	23.6
1963	23,740	18.2	19.6	12.2	11.8	20.9	15.2
1964	24,350	18.4	19.9	11.3	10.4	20.0	10.4
1965	24,850	18.1	22.0	11.5	12.8	19.0	12.0

## SECTION 2

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

#### HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION

*The Ormskirk General Hospital*—takes all types of cases and has a consultant and resident staff. Out-patient sessions are held.

*The Brandreth Hospital*—accommodates chronic and convalescent cases only. Out-patient sessions are held.

*The Ormskirk Children's Convalescent Hospital*—Green Lane, Ormskirk.

*The New Hall Isolation Hospital, Scarisbrick*—receives cases of Infectious Disease from the Urban District of Ormskirk.

#### AMBULANCE SERVICES

These are provided by the Lancashire County Council. An Ambulance Station is situated in Junction Lane, Burscough.

#### CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

The School Clinic and Child Welfare Centre, Hants Lane, Ormskirk.

<i>Child Welfare Centre</i>	.....	.....	Each Monday afternoon
<i>Minor Ailments Clinic</i>	.....		Each Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon
<i>Orthopaedic Clinic</i>	.....	.....	First Monday in each month
<i>Orthopaedic Treatment Clinic</i>	.....		Each Tuesday
<i>Ante-Natal Clinic</i>	.....	.....	Each Monday afternoon
<i>Eye Clinic</i>	.....	.....	Each Monday afternoon
<i>Dental Clinic</i>	....	....	Each Tuesday and Friday
<i>Speech Clinic</i>	....	....	Each Tuesday afternoon
<i>Immunisation Clinic</i>	....	....	Every Fourth Thursday afternoon
<i>Vaccination Clinic</i>	....	.....	Each Monday afternoon in con- junction with Child Welfare Clinic

The Burscough Child Welfare Clinic (Old Council Offices).  
*Child Welfare Clinic* ..... Each Thursday afternoon  
*Immunisation and Vaccination*  
*Clinic*..... First Monday in month (afternoon)

Ormskirk and District General Hospital.  
*Chest Clinic* ..... Tuesday morning and afternoon,  
 Thursday afternoon

#### NURSING IN THE HOME

Home Nursing is carried out by the Lancashire County Council,  
 The services of a District Nurse are obtained for a patient through  
 the General Practitioner.

#### LABORATORY FACILITIES

Specimens for bacteriological examination are dealt with at the  
 Pathological Laboratory of the Ormskirk and District General  
 Hospital or at the Public Health Laboratory, Mount Pleasant.  
 Liverpool.



### SECTION 3

#### PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The number of cases of infectious disease notified to the Health Department during the year was 213. This figure is lower than the number of notifications for 1964 when 224 cases were notified.

##### MEASLES

There were 197 notified cases of measles during 1965, compared with 211 cases in 1964.

##### PARA-TYPHOID FEVER

Two cases of salmonella paratyphi B. were notified, but they were associated with a milk-borne outbreak of this disease at a holiday camp outside the district, where it was contracted by the two persons concerned.

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Reference to the table on page 19 which gives the number of notifications of infectious disease received during each year for the past 20 years shows significant falls in the numbers of notified cases of certain infectious diseases.

##### SCARLET FEVER

During 1965 there were 6 notified cases of this disease. In the 10 year period ending 1965 there were 49 cases notified compared with 247 notified cases in the previous 10 years.

##### WHOOPING COUGH

In 1965 only one case was notified. The number of notified cases for the 10 years ending 1965 was 83, whilst during the previous 10 years the total number of cases notified was 569.

##### TUBERCULOSIS

*Respiratory.* The number of cases notified in 1965 was 3. During the 10 year period ending in 1965 there were 53 notified cases, compared with 162 cases in the previous 10 years.

*Non-Respiratory.* One case was notified during 1965. In the 10 year period ending 1965 there were 7 notified cases, and in the previous 10 years 32 cases were notified.

## DIPHTHERIA

For the seventeenth successive year no cases of Diphtheria have been notified.

During the previous seventeen years (1932-1948), 383 cases were notified, and 19 deaths from this disease were reported during the same period.

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

A total of 501 children completed a course of immunisation during the year 1965, of whom 396 were under the age of two years. A further 385 children were given reinforcing injections during the year.

Number of persons, in age groups, completely immunised during 1965:—

Under	1 year	2 years	3 years	4-15 years	Total
174	222	13	2	90	501

Number of persons immunised against diphtheria since 1935:

1965	....	....	....	....	....	....	501
Five years 1960-1964	....	....	....	....	....	....	2330
Five years 1955-1959	....	....	....	....	....	....	1165
Five years 1950-1954	....	....	....	....	....	....	1527
Five years 1945-1949	....	....	....	....	....	....	1661
Five years 1940-1944	....	....	....	....	....	....	3859
Five years 1935-1939	....	....	....	....	....	....	109
Total							11152

## DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

This service is carried out under a joint scheme with the West Lancashire Rural District Council on a percentage of cost basis.

Disinfection of bedding and clothing is by steam disinfection. During 1965 the following work was carried out.

					Disinfection	Disinfestation
Journeys	....	....	....	....	2	3
Rooms sprayed	....	....	....	....	4	4
Houses	....	....	....	....	1	3



# WEEKLY INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF ORMSKIRK DURING 1965.

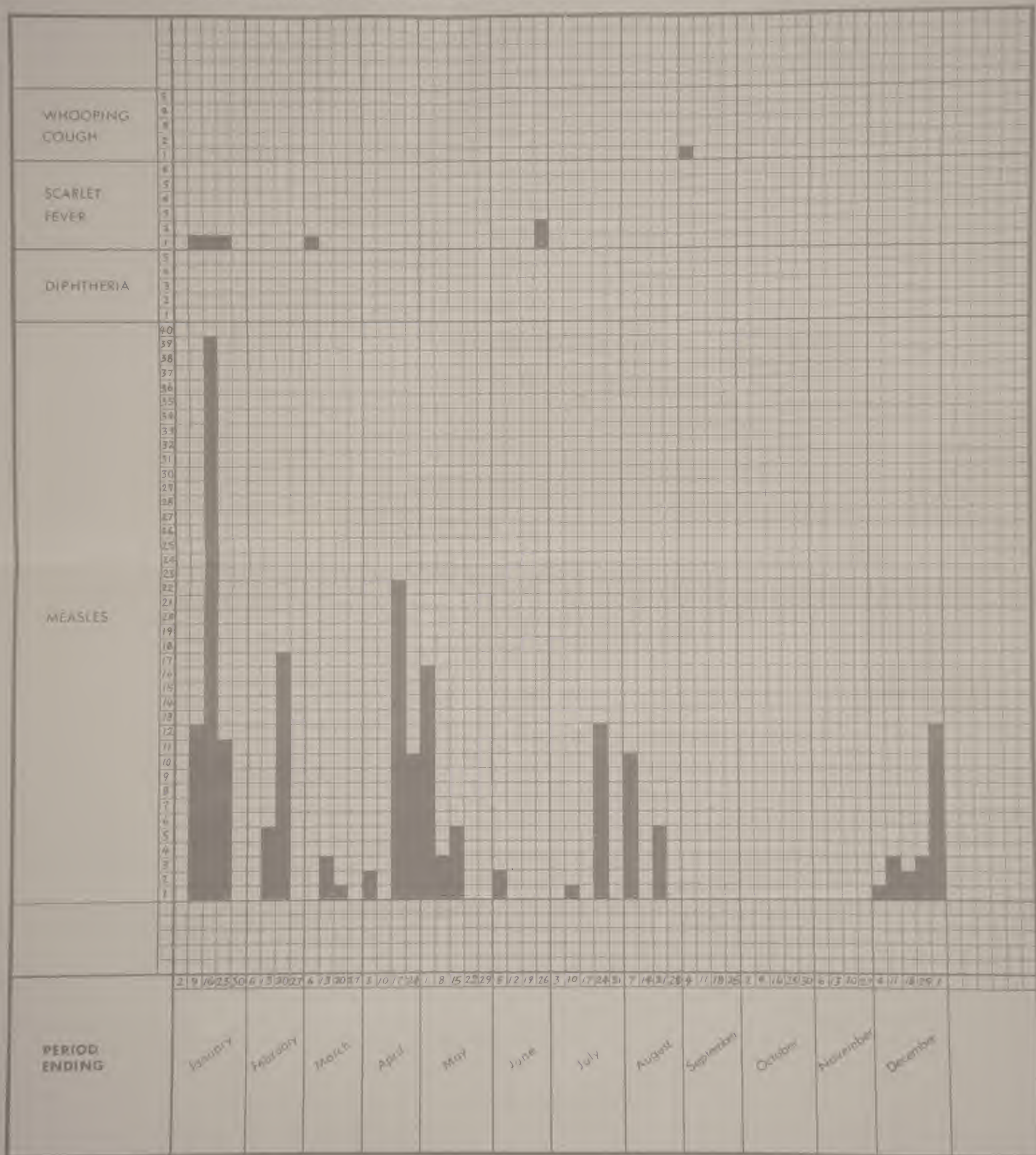






TABLE SHOWING NUMBER AND NATURE OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES COMING  
UNDER THE NOTICE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH DURING 1965.

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Scarlet Fever ... ..	3	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Measles ... ..	62	22	6	48	8	2	13	15	—	—	—	21	197
Whooping Cough ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Acute Pneumonia ... ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Dysentery ... ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Food Poisoning ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Para-Typhoid Fever ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
Tuberculosis (Respiratory) ... ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	3
Tuberculosis (Other) ... ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
MONTHLY TOTALS ... ..	67	22	9	48	8	4	14	18	1	—	—	22	213

TABLE SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED  
THE YEAR 1965.

	WARDS														TOTAL
	Aughton 1	Aughton 2	Derby	S'brick	Knowsley	B'cough North	B'cough South 1	B'cough South 2	B'cough South 3	Lathom 1	Lathom 2	Westhead 1	Westhead 2		
Scarlet Fever ....	1	—	—	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	
Measles ....	45	11	15	53	7	15	14	3	—	—	14	2	18	197	
Whooping Cough ....	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Acute Pneumonia ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Tuberculosis (Resp.) ....	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	
Tuberculosis (Other) ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	
Dysentery ....	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Food Poisoning ....	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Para Typhoid Fever ....	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	
	46	11	15	60	10	15	17	3	—	—	16	2	18	213	

TABLE SHOWING INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS DURING  
PAST 20 YEARS.

Disease	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
Scarlet Fever	6	4	—	1	4	4	14	5	8	3	9	8	56	15	14	20	14	27	41	43
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	8	6
Measles	197	211	240	122	57	183	205	194	75	149	259	18	458	116	210	175	75	395	158	6
Whooping Cough	1	2	5	2	2	5	2	26	2	36	17	49	159	56	118	65	53	35	17	—
Para Typhoid Fever	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
Pneumonia	1	—	7	2	8	6	9	6	28	17	49	14	15	18	15	13	18	22	8	14
Erysipelas	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	4	3	2	1	—	1	1	3
Dysentery	1	—	6	159	3	11	2	8	—	—	2	131	1	23	5	4	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	1	—	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Anthrax	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
Acute Polioencephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection	—	1	1	1	—	1	1	—	2	4	1	—	—	17	15	15	—	1	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	9	9	11	22	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro Spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	3	6	—	7	4	2	5	4	8	11	11	20	23	21	25	15	12	12	13	10
Tuberculosis (Non-Respiratory)	1	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	2	—	5	2	2	2	6	4	8
	213	224	266	298	84	214	238	244	147	230	361	298	729	275	406	311	175	503	251	92

## SECTION 4.

### S C H O O L S .

The Urban District is provided with Eighteen schools. These include one Grammar School, two County Secondary Schools, one R.C. Secondary School, eleven Primary Schools, one Nursery School, and two Private Schools:

With the exception of the latter, all the schools are in Division 11 of the Lancashire County Council Divisional Administration Scheme, 1944.

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#### LIST OF SCHOOLS IN THE ORMSKIRK URBAN DISTRICT

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School	Total No. of Children on Roll at 1st Jan., 1965
Burscough St. John's C.E. (Mxd. & Infnts'. Depts.)	105
Burscough Methodist	216
Burscough R.C.	164
Lathom Park C.E.	29
Newburgh C.E.	96
Lathom St. James' C.E.	76
Burscough Lordsgate Township C.E.	203
Burscough County Secondary School	393
Ormskirk C.E. (Junior mixed)	597
(Infants)	351
Ormskirk St. Anne's R.C. (Mxd. & Infnts'. Depts)	359
Ormskirk West End County Primary School	177
Ormskirk St. Bedes R.C. Secondary School	583
Ormskirk County Secondary School,	748
Ormskirk Grammar School	756
Ormskirk Moorgate Nursery School	87
Ormskirk High School	138
Arranmore Preparatory School	44
Total :	5122

During the year 1965 the following improvements and repairs have been carried out at schools in the district:—

BURSCOUGH ST. JOHN'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Re-roofing of junior school roof.

LATHOM PARK C.E. SCHOOL

Improvements in ventilation.

NEWBURGH C.E. SCHOOL

Washing accommodation—three hand basins fitted, together with a water heater.

ST. JAMES' C.E. SCHOOL, WESTHEAD

Repairs to outside toilets. New floor covering to cloakroom and kitchen.

SECTION 5.  
SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.  
WATER SUPPLY.

The West Lancashire Water Board supplies water to the area mainly from deep wells in Dark Lane and Greetby Hill, Ormskirk and from the Scarth Hill and Halsall Lane pumping stations.

There are 9 dwelling houses in the area which are not connected to the mains water supply. This amounts to .12% of the houses in the district.

Reports supplied by the West Lancashire Water Board with regard to samples of water taken during 1965 at Dark Lane, Greetby Hill, Halsall Lane and Scarth Hill Pumping Stations have been satisfactory.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The Council have three sewage disposal works in operation One at Blackacre Lane, Ormskirk, one at New Lane, Burscough and a third at Westhead. The sewage is passed through sedimentation tanks and sludge drying beds, the surface effluent being treated by rotary filter and discharged into brooks.

REMOVAL OF HOUSE REFUSE

This work is carried out by the Council's own employees. Four motor vehicles each with four men and a driver are provided and in addition a vehicle is employed part time to carry out a separate collection of waste paper from shops, etc. Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at Burscough, on a site which was previously a clay pit.

A Municipal bin ownership scheme is operated in the Urban District, whereby replacement of defective dustbins at private dwelling houses is carried out by the Council. During the year 614 defective bins were replaced by new ones.



## SALVAGE.

WASTE PAPER.—During the year a total weight of 172 tons 12 cwt. 2 qrs. of waste paper was collected and baled. This waste paper realised a sum of £1492-7-0

## SANITARY ACCOMMODATION AT THE END OF 1965

Number of fresh water closets.....	.....	7,934
„ „ pail closets .....	.....	236
„ „ waste water closets .....	.....	Nil
„ „ privies .....	.....	99
„ „ privy middens .....	.....	103
„ „ dry ashpits .....	.....	Nil
„ „ dustbins .....	.....	10,078

## CONVERSIONS

The number of privy closets which were converted during the year was seventeen (3 to water closets and 14 to pail closets).

## PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION

The number of premises in the district which were inspected during the year was 1,585 and the number of defects or nuisances discovered as a result of these inspections was 310, of which 286 had been remedied by the end of the year. Informal notices issued numbered 120 and 20 Statutory Notices were served on the authority of the Health Committee where informal notices had not been complied with.

## SMOKE ABATEMENT—CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956.

The Clean Air Act provides that within certain limits which are prescribed by the Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) Regulations, 1958, and with certain exceptions, the emission of dark smoke from any chimney is an offence. Provisions are also included to allow for the making of Orders by the Local Authority (which Orders must be confirmed by the Minister) declaring an area or areas in its district as smoke control areas. There are no Smoke Control Orders in existence in this district.

There are nineteen chimneys used in connection with industrial plants in the area and during the year eleven smoke observations have been made.

## CAMPING SITES—MOVABLE DWELLINGS

There are no licensed camping sites in the area. Three site licences for a total of 26 caravans have been granted under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960.

## COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

## SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There are no public swimming baths or pools in the district.

## SHOPS ACT, 1950

Routine inspection of shops in the area was carried out during 1965 and a total of 152 inspections were made. Any defects or contraventions which were found on inspection were dealt with informally and in the main all matters were dealt with without delay. There are 318 shops on the register.

## PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Under this Act shops where pet animals are sold require to be licensed by the Local Authority. Such licences are renewable annually. There are two such shops in the area and the licences impose conditions regarding the comfort and treatment of the animals

## ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

An Act to regulate the keeping of boarding establishments for animals, and for purposes connected therewith. The provisions of the Act require the licensing of animal boarding establishments by the local authority. Conditions prerequisite to the granting of a licence have regard to accommodation, food, drink and bedding material, provisions for the exercise of animals, etc. and the keeping of a register of animals received at the establishment. There are two licensed animal boarding establishments in the area. Licences are renewable annually.

# FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

## 1.—INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	4	4	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	104	77	7	—
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	4	4	—	—
	112	85	7	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspectors.	By H.M. Inspectors.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) .....	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) .....	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) .....	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) .....	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)—					
(a) Insufficient .....	2	2	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective .....	8	7	—	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes .....	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) .....	—	—	—	—	—
Total .....	10	9	—	2	—

OUTWORKERS:— There were two out workers notified as engaged in basket making.

## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

All known premises to which this Act applies have been registered and during 1965 the work of general inspection of such premises and re-visits thereto has been continued. The total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises during the year was 337.

Registered premises at the end of 1965 were:—

<i>Class of Workplace</i>	<i>No. on Register</i>	<i>No. of persons employed</i>
Offices ....	70	367
Retail shops ....	156	704
Wholesale shops, warehouses....	8	47
Catering establishments, canteens ....	38	194
	<hr/> 272	<hr/> 1312

During the year reports of seven accidents were received and investigated.

At the request of the Ministry of Labour a special report on lighting standards in premises inspected was submitted. It was found that these standards varied considerably and the general impression was that very little attention had in the past been given to standards of lighting, both the positions and the amount of light being unsatisfactory in many cases, though it was noted that in new and reconstructed premises and where electrical re-wiring had been carried out the tendency was to provide a standard at least equal to the Illuminating Engineering Society Code.

Unsatisfactory lighting was found mainly in offices in which filament lighting was used. Where readings were taken the standard varied between 10-15 lumens per square foot over desks and in other parts as low as 2 lumens per square foot. During routine inspections one instance of excessive glare was found. This was in a reconstructed premises where undiffused fluorescent lighting to a standard of 50 lumens per square foot had been installed.

Useful co-operation has been maintained with the Officer of the Factories Inspectorate appointed under Section 57 of the Act, from whom informal advice and guidance have been sought regarding several problems of administration and other matters relative to work under the Act.

## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

One full-time rodent operator is employed by the Council on investigation and treatment in connection with rodent control work in the district.

In addition to the routine work a yearly maintenance treatment of sewers is carried out.

Treatments are carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and helpful co-operation is maintained with the officers of the Ministry in connection with this work.

### REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1965.

#### TYPE OF PROPERTY

	Non-Agricultural				(5) Agricul- tural
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses	(3) All other (including Business Premises	(4) Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3)	
Number of Pro- perties in Local Authority's Dis- trict .....	30	7892	714	8636	46
Number of Pro- perties inspected as a result of :					
(a) Notification	19	99	23	141	—
(b) Survey under the Act .....	30	201	96	326	9
Number of pro- perties inspected which were found to be in- fested by :					
(a) Rats—					
(Major)					
(Minor)	13	193	30	236	6
(b) Mice—					
(Major)					
(Minor)	13	55	21	89	—
Number of in- fested proper- ties treated by the L.A. ....	26	248	48	322	—



SUMMARY OF VISITS MADE BY THE PUBLIC  
HEALTH INSPECTORS  
DURING THE YEAR 1965.

Visits to dwelling houses (Public Health Act, Housing Acts and Rent Act)	2893
„ „ Houses re Improvement Grants	249
„ „ Offices, Shops and Railway Premis. Act.	337
„ re Water Supply	11
„ „ Drainage	161
„ „ Refuse Collection and disposal	52
„ „ Rodent Control	150
„ „ Cases of Infectious Disease	78
„ to Schools	18
„ „ Shops (Shops Act)	152
„ „ Factories and Outworkers' Premises	85
„ „ Slaughterhouses	179
„ „ Butchers and Grocers' premises	83
„ „ Fried Fish Shops and Fishmongers	6
„ „ Greengrocers and Fruiterers	22
„ „ Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops	23
„ „ Ice Cream Premises	7
„ „ Cafes and Restaurants	41
„ „ Street Vendors and Hawkers' Carts	14
„ „ Licensed Premises	32
„ „ Market Stalls.....	271
„ „ Other Food Premises	138
„ in connection with Milk Sampling	90
„ „ „ „ Ice Cream Sampling	6
„ „ „ „ Other foods sampling	14
Miscellaneous Visits	683

### SECTION 6: HOUSING

Included in the Council's list of applicants for houses there are approximately 150 families resident in the district who are living in rooms or sharing accommodation with other families. There is a need for housing accommodation for these families in addition to families who require to be rehoused from properties unfit for human habitation.

At the end of 1965 the Council had a scheme approved for the erection of 66 flats and maisonettes on a site in Lord Street, Burscough and further schemes for the erection of 14 bungalows and 6 houses in the grounds of Sefton House, Burscough, and 6 houses on the Truscott Estate, Burscough.

## CLEARANCE OF UNFIT HOUSES

During the year representations were made to the Council by the Medical Officer of Health regarding 28 houses which were deemed to be unfit for human habitation. These consisted of 16 individual houses and two clearance areas comprising a total of 12 houses. The number of families from houses due to be demolished or closed who were rehoused during 1965 was 21.

## IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES—IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

During the year the Council approved 6 applications for discretionary grants in accordance with the Housing Act, 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958/1964 and 42 applications for standard grants under the provisions of the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 and Housing Acts, 1961/1964.

In September, 1965, the Council, under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1964, declared an improvement area comprising 92 houses in the centre of Ormskirk. The number of houses which lacked all or some of the standard amenities was 42 (28 tenanted and 14 owner-occupied).

By the end of 1965, the work of implementing the decision of the Council regarding the provision of standard amenities (bath, or shower, hot water system, indoor water closet, wash basin and suitable food store) to houses in the area had been commenced.



# Statistics.

Number of new houses erected during the year—

TOTAL	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	222
(i) By the Local Authority	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32
(ii) By other Local Authorities	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
(iii) By other bodies and persons	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	187
Total number of Council Houses	(a)	Before 1945	.....	.....	.....	.....	346
Total number Council Houses							
Bungalows and Flats	(b)	After 1945	.....	.....	.....	.....	1234
	Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1580

## 1. *Inspection of Dwelling-Houses during the year—*

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling houses-inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	.....	.....	.....	.....	805
(b)	Number of inspections, formal or informal, for the purpose	.....	.....	.....	.....	1142
(c)	Number of dwelling houses in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation, but capable of being rendered fit	.....	.....	.....	.....	172
(2)	Total number of dwelling houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which:					
(a)	Demolition orders have been made	.....	.....	.....	.....	62
(b)	Demolition or Closing orders have not yet been made	.....	.....	.....	.....	81

Houses Demolished :— In Clearance Areas—	Houses Demol- ished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation .....	11	36	15
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangements, etc. ....	—	—	—
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2), Housing Act, 1957 .....	—	—	—
Not in Clearance Areas :—			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1), Housing Act, 1957 ....	3	—	—
(5) Local Authority owned Houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health .....	—	—	—
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts .....	—	—	—
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders .....	—	—	—
Unfit Houses Closed :—	Number		
(1) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1), Housing Act, 1957 .....	4	14	6
(2) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957 .....	—	—	—
(3) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
Unfit Houses Made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied :—	By Owner	By Local Authority	
(1) After informal action by local authority .....	119	—	
(2) After formal notice under—			
(a) Public Health Acts .....	25	—	
(b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957 .....	—	—	
(3) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957 .....	—	—	

Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957) :—	Number of houses (1)	Number of separate dwell- ings contained in column (1) (2)
Position at end of year :—		
(1) Retained for temporary accommodation—		
(a) Under Section 48 .....	—	—
(b) Under Section 46 .....	—	—
(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53 .....	—	—
Purchase of Houses by Agreement :—	Number of houses (1)	Number of occupants in houses in column (1) (2)
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clear- ance Orders or Compulsory Pur- chase Orders, purchased during the year .....	—	—

## SECTION 7

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD. SAMPLES OF MILK FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.

Fifty-seven samples of milk were taken and submitted for various tests, with the following results :—

Phosphatase Test .....	14	satisfactory
Methylene Blue		
Reduction Test .....	31	„ 1 unsatisfactory.
Turbidity test .....	8	„
Inoculation test for T.B. ....	18	negative.
Brucella abortus	30	„ 11 positive.

# LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (GENERAL POWER ACT, 1951.

Section 14 of this Act, which is administered by the Council requires under certain circumstances, the registration of hawkers of food and premises used for the storage of such food. At the end of 1965 the number of registrations was 37 hawkers, 26 premises. The number of inspections of registered premises during the year was 12.

## FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955—SECTION 16.

This section of the Food and Drugs Act requires the registration of premises used for :—

- (a) the sale, or the manufacture for the purposes of sale, of ice cream, or the storage of ice cream intended for sale, or
- (b) the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale. (For the purposes of this subsection, the preparation of meat or fish by any process of cooking shall be deemed to be the preservation thereof).

At the end of 1965 the number of registrations was : (a) 86.  
(b) 22.

During the year 52 visits were made to registered premises.

## THE FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1955—1960

Periodical inspection of food premises, vehicles, etc., is carried out to see that the requirements of the Food Hygiene regulations are complied with. Stalls in the street market held in the town from which foodstuffs are sold are visited on market days.

Having remarked in a previous report on the need for an extension of the Regulations relating to food stalls in the open air market it is interesting to note that amended Regulations with respect to such stalls are about to be issued.

The number of premises in the district subject to the Food Hygiene Regulations is as follows:—

		(a)	(b)	(c)
		see below		
General grocers and provision dealers ....	70	69	53	50
Greengrocers, fruiterers and fish-mongers ....	22	14	11	9
Meat shops ....	25	23	25	24
Bakers and confectioners ....	11	11	11	10
Fried fish shops ....	9	9	9	8
Shops selling sugar confectionery, ice cream, etc. ....	28	28	7	7
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, cafes, etc. ....	68	67	68	68
Others ....	4	4	4	4

- (a) Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16 (provision of wash hand basins).
- (b) Number of premises to which Regulation 19 (facilities for washing food and equipment) applies.
- (c) Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19.

## MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

There are two licensed slaughter houses in the district, one which is licensed for the slaughter of pigs only.

The following table gives a summary of the carcasses inspected. and the condemnations during the year :—

	Cattle exc. cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number inspected.....	421	—	5	529	2820	Nil
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI						
Whole carcase con- demned .....	2	—	—	—	2	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.....	65	—	—	46	267	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuber- culosis .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY.						
Whole carcase con- demned .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of num- ber Inspected affec- ted with Tuber- culosis .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
CYSTICERCCSIS						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
The total weight of meat condemned was .....				Tons 1	Cwts. 4	Qrs. — Lbs. 25
OTHER FOOD CONDEMNED						
39 Cans of Meat .....				—	1	1 14
119 Cans of Fruits .....				—	1	— 5
43 Cans of Vegetables .....				—	—	1 21
297 Boxes of Fruit .....				1	4	3 3
Fresh Meat .....				—	4	1 18
Frozen Foods .....				—	11	2 26
				3	8	— —

Condemned meat and offal are stained with a green dye and used for industrial purposes. Canned foods which are condemned are buried in the refuse tip.

### (c) ADULTERATION

The section of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, dealing with adulteration is administered by the Lancashire County Council, and I am indebted to Doctor Gawne, County Medical Officer of Health, for the following information :—

#### SAMPLES TAKEN DURING 1965.

A total of 126 samples were obtained, comprising 65 milks of which four were Channel Islands milks and 61 others as follows:—

1 Treacle	1 ground ginger
1 Fish, canned	1 Mixed Spice
1 Cooking salt	1 Potatoes
1 Cornflour	1 Pearl barley
2 Custard powder	1 Rice
2 Tea	1 Split peas
1 Vegetables, canned	2 Lentils
1 Table jelly	2 Ice lollies
1 Castor sugar	1 honey
1 Brown sugar	1 Indigestion tablets
1 Sugar	1 Indigestion powder
2 Plain flour	2 Saccharin tablets
1 Self raising flour	2 Sweetening tablets
1 Panadol tablets	1 Mustard, liquid
1 Actal tablets	1 Coffee
1 Butter	2 Beef sausage
2 Margarine	2 Pork sausage
1 Cooking fat	2 Coffee and chicory extract mixture, dry
1 Lemon cheese	1 Sodium bicarbonate
1 Mustard compound	1 Cochineal colouring material
1 Liquid paraffin B.P.	1 Tincture of iodine B.P.
1 Boric Acid powder	1 Almond oil, B.P.
1 Cake mixture, sweetened	1 Full cream milk powder with vit.
1 Currants	1 Whiskey
2 Baking powder	



I give below, details of those samples upon which the County Analyst gave adverse reports:—

<i>Sample</i>	<i>Result of Analysis</i>	<i>Action Taken</i>
1 Informal Milk	Contained 0.6% extraneous water	Dairy cautioned and further sample obtained
1 Plain Flour	Creta Praeparata only 22 milligrams per 100 grammes. Should be 235-390 milligrams per 100 grammes.	Milliers informed
1 Tincture of iodine B.P.	Potassium iodide content only 1.99% W/V. B.P. limits 2.4/2.7 W/V	Manufacturer communicated with

#### ORMSKIRK MARKET.

The Ormskirk Market is an ancient institution dating from April 28th, 1286, when King Edward the First granted "a Thursday market and a five days' fair" to the town for ever. The rights in the Market appear to have been vested in the Earl of Lancaster, for on the 29th September, 1286, those rights were transferred by the Charter of Henry, Duke of Lancaster, to the Prior of Burscough Abbey on the payment of an annual sum. The alienation of these Market rights is confirmed by the Charter of Henry, Earl of Lancaster, in 1339.

The rights remained vested in the Priory until the Dissolution of the Monasteries about 1536, and after its surrender to King Henry VIII. by Robert Barton, the last prior (who died in 1553), the Priory was granted to Sir William Paget, K.G., Principal Secretary of State in 1547.

A little over a century later (on the 23rd June, 1670) King Charles II. granted to Charles, the Eighth Earl of Derby, and his successors, the right to hold and keep two fairs, one in Whitsun week and the other at the end of August in each year, and a market to be held on Thursdays.



By a conveyance dated the 30th day of September, 1876, the Rights in the Market were sold by the Earl of Derby to the Ormskirk Local Board for £1,000.

The Ormskirk Local Board made Byelaws, which were allowed by the Local Government Board on the 17th December, 1881, whereby a market was to be held on Thursday and Saturday of each week throughout the year, which were amended to provide that a market was to be held on each week day throughout the year " unless the same shall be a day duly appointed for solemn fast or public thanksgiving."

Consequently upon the amalgamation Order of 1931 whereby Ormskirk Urban District was amalgamated with the Urban District of Lathom and Burscough the byelaws lapsed and new byelaws were made on the 19th December, 1935. These included *inter alia*, the fixing of the days and hours during each day on which the market shall be held. Regulations as to the use of the market place and the buildings, stalls, pens and standings therein, and for preventing nuisances or obstructions therein, or in the immediate approaches thereto. Penalties for offences against the byelaws. A table of Tolls leviable in the market was incorporated.

The market continued to be held throughout the war years, although on a limited scale. It has now regained much of its colourfulness, and each Thursday, Moor Street, Moorgate and Aughton Street are filled with market stalls and itinerant tradesmen of all kinds. The Saturday market is limited to Moor Street except for an occasional two or three stalls in Aughton Street, but nevertheless there is much trading, especially in home produce.

It is the practice of the Health Department to make regular inspections of all the market stalls and the Public Health Inspectors pay particular attention to those stalls selling foodstuffs each market day.

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